

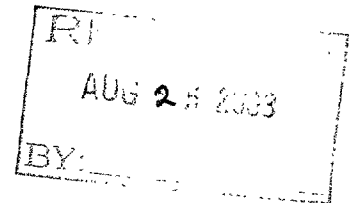


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August 5, 2003



Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter will serve as a 30-day notification pursuant to Section 6 of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994 that NBTY Inc. is using the following statements on our Peppermint supplements under one or more of the following brand names: American Health, Bioenergy Nutrients, Body Fortress, Good 'N Natural, Health's Finest, Heartland, HealthSmart Vitamins, HealthWatchers, Life's Finest, Natural Wealth, Nature's Bounty, Nutrition Headquarters, Nutrition Warehouse, PhysioLogics, Precision Engineered, Puritan's Pride, US Nutrition and Vitamin World:

- Supports/promotes digestive health.
- Peppermint Oil contains the important constituent, menthol.
- As a naturally occurring calmative oil, Peppermint Oil works with the gastrointestinal tract to promote digestive health.

The above statements are accompanied by the required disclaimer pursuant to Section 6 of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act.

Sincerely,

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